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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Ken Wagner, Ph.D., Commissioner 

RE: Approval of Owner's Program Manager Costs Adjustment

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the School Building Authority (SBA) Capital Fund. Article 9 of the approved Fiscal Year 2019 Stage Budget, included a new requirement that Local Education Agencies (LEAs) must use an Owner's Program Manager (OPM) for their projects, to be eligible for Housing Aid reimbursement.

Pursuant to RIGL 37-2-7, an OPM shall be an entity engaged to provide project management services for the construction and supervision of a building project. This is a one-time adjustment requirement that only applies to LEAs whose projects were approved by the Council between May 1, 2015 and January 1, 2018, during a time that this was not yet a required service. This adjustment only applies to projects that have not been completed.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves a one-time adjustment for Owner's Program Manager fees for Necessity of School Construction Projects approved between May 1, 2015 and January 1, 2018 pursuant to 16-7-41.1. (Please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs, the cost to the State will not exceed \$4,000,000).